

Postlude Reflections for What are We Providing for Adult Faith Growth?

Now that you have finished, some things to think about for future planning:

- ❖ If the squares for some groups/communities of like interest are totally empty, it could be because:
 - these groups are not present within our parish
 - at the present, there is no programming/opportunities which meets their needs
 - there might be things going on that we're not aware of - yet

- ❖ Some questions to ask ourselves:
 - Does something need to be explicitly planned right now for a specific (groups(s)/need(s) ?

 - Of the programming/opportunities already available, would these opportunities be helpful to the new group we're considering? Do they know how the opportunity/resource would be helpful? Do they know they are invited/welcome? How can we reach out to them?

 - If there are some areas which we seem to be missing at this time,
 - Can some of the established programs (that are continuing to meet needs), be maintained by continuing to call forth leadership from within the group/the program (which frees staff to address new needs)?
 - As we write new goals/objectives, do we need to concentrate on some need(s) that are very present within our parish which we have not yet addressed?

 - Some areas might be very important to consider at this time. Would it be best as a parish endeavor or a as collaborative endeavor (with other parishes) - always assuring our parishioners that a collaborative endeavor is an extension of our programming)?

 - In the six charts "through the lens of the content areas from *Our Hearts Were Burning within Us*," do we tend to concentrate on one/two content areas more than others?

 - As we plan for the future, are we keeping in mind that there are many formats/venues (independent study, home/household activities, technology, media, we teach much by how we live/act as a parish, etc.); we don't always have to do a four-week program "to do adult faith formation."